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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 18, 2000

APPLICATION OF

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION

CASE NO. PUE000472

For licenses to conduct
business as a competitive
service provider in electric
and natural gas retail access
pilot programs

ORDER GRANTING LICENSES

On September 7, 2000, Amerada Hess Corporation ("Amerada" or "Applicant"), filed an application for licensure to conduct business as a competitive service provider and aggregator. Amerada proposes to provide competitive natural gas service in the retail access pilot programs of Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL") and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Columbia Gas"), and competitive electric service to customers in the retail access pilot programs of Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power"), Appalachian Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power ("AEP-VA"), and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative ("Rappahannock").

On September 19, 2000, the Commission issued its Order for Notice and Comment, establishing the case, requiring that notice of the application be published, providing for the receipt of comments from the public, and requiring the Commission's Staff

to analyze the reasonableness of Amerada's application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before October 11, 2000.

The Company filed proof of publication of its notice on October 6, 2000. No comments from the public on Amerada's application were received.

The Staff filed its Report on October 11, 2000, concerning Amerada's fitness to provide competitive electric, natural gas, and aggregation services. The Staff concluded that Amerada satisfies the financial and technical fitness requirements for licensure, and the Staff recommended that a license be granted to Amerada for the provision of electric service to commercial and industrial customers in the Virginia Power, AEP-VA, and Rappahannock pilot programs; and for the provision of natural gas service to commercial and industrial customers in the WGL and Columbia Gas pilot programs.

On October 13, 2000, Amerada filed a response to the Staff Report. In its comments Amerada states that it has no response to Staff's report.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Staff Report, and the applicable law, the Commission finds that Amerada's application to provide electric, natural gas, and aggregation services should be granted. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Amerada Hess Corporation, hereby is granted license No. PE-9 to provide competitive electricity supply service to commercial and industrial customers in conjunction with the retail access pilot programs of Virginia Power, AEP-VA, and Rappahannock. This license to act as a competitive service provider is granted subject to the provisions of the Interim Rules Governing Electric and Natural Gas Retail Access Pilot Programs, 20 VAC 5-311-10 et seq. ("Interim Rules"), this Order, and other applicable statutes.

(2) Amerada Hess Corporation, hereby is granted license No. PG-7 to provide competitive natural gas supply service to commercial and industrial customers in conjunction with retail access pilot programs of WGL and Columbia Gas. This license to act as a competitive service provider is granted subject to the provisions of the Interim Rules, this Order, and other applicable statutes.

(3) Amerada Hess Corporation, hereby is granted license No. PA-5 to provide aggregation services to commercial and industrial customers in conjunction with retail access pilot programs of WGL, Columbia Gas, Virginia Power, AEP-VA, and Rappahannock. This license to act as an aggregator is granted subject to the provisions of the Interim Rules, this Order, and other applicable statutes.

(4) These licenses shall expire upon termination of the respective pilot programs unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. These licenses are not valid authority for the provision of any product or service not identified within the licenses themselves.

(5) Failure of Amerada Hess to comply with the Interim Rules, the provisions of this Order, other State Corporation Commission orders and rules, or other applicable state or federal laws may result in an enforcement action by the Commission including, without limitation, the revocation, suspension, or modification of a license granted herein, the refusal to renew such licenses, the imposition of appropriate fines and penalties, or such other additional actions as may be necessary to protect the public interest.

(6) This case shall remain open for consideration of any subsequent amendments or modifications to these licenses.